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ROBINS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Edward M. Rodriguez
President & C.E.O.

July 8, 2011

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Governmental Affairs Committee of the Regional Chamber is very interested in all issues affecting business development opportunities in our region of Georgia. As the largest chamber of commerce in Central Georgia, our members represent a broad cross-section of business, industry, and even non-profit organizations.

We have discussed this issue at length and our committee is in support of letting you know that we believe the T-Mobile/AT&T merger has the potential to be beneficial for our city, our state, and our entire country. We were impressed at the broad level of support that this merger has generated from both business and labor communities.

Our community has proven attractive to a variety of industries. In fact, *Wired* magazine recently named us one of 12 small cities that have been most successful in efforts to attract knowledge workers, such as creative people and entrepreneurs. That's important because imaginative professionals create quality jobs and spur economic growth.

For us, a superior quality of life includes the ability to provide opportunities for new industry. Access to the most advanced communications technology and an enhanced network infrastructure also spurs economic growth, and as such plays an essential role in our economic recovery. This could provide opportunities to small businesses and local economies as well as to professionals and students.

This letter is not designed to provide an endorsement for one company at the expense of another, or even to request that one company be accorded preferential treatment over another. Quite simply it is an attempt to further the above principles and ideals in a manner that allows free markets and free enterprise to move forward for the economic benefit of our region.

That is what we are about – working together with our business community to make Georgia's Robins Region the best place in which to live, work, and do business. We hope you will give careful consideration to allowing this free market process to proceed.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Rodriguez, President & CEO
Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce

CC:
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Commissioner Robert McDowell
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